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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE 2088

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POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN WHICH
U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MIGHT NOT BE OVERRIDING
CONSIDERATION.

5. IN CONCLUSION, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE WANTED USG TO
UNDERSTAND FULLY IN FRANKEST POSSIBLE TERMS CONSIDERATIONS WITH
WHCIH GOB DEALING. HE EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT GOB COMPLETELY
SATISFIED WITH AGREEMENTS WE HAVE REACHED IN PRINCIPLE, FEELS
THAT USG HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY SYMPATHETIC AND FORTHCOMING IN
VIEW OF BAHRAIN'S POLITICAL NEEDS, AND IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF
U.S. ATTITUDE. HE CONCLUDED BY EMPHASIZING CABINET AT THIS
STAGE OPEN-MINDED AS TO BEST TIMING FOR CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS
BUT FELT IN VIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION AND ITS POSSIBLE
REPERCUSSIONS, IT MUST CONSIDER THIS MATTER MOST CAREFULLY. HE
ADDED THAT CABINET WOULD CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS AT MAY 3SESSION
AND HOPED TO REACH SOME CONCLUSION IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. I REASSURED FOREIGN MINISTER USG FULLY UNDERSTANDS GOB'S
NEED TO KEEP QUESTION OF AGREEMENT AND NAVY PRESENCE UNDER
ONGOING REVIEW AS POLITICAL SITUATION DICTATES BUT THAT IT IS
MOST DIFFICULT FOR USG TO UNDERSTAND HESITATION ABOUT FORMALLY
CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS. FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED THAT I URGE
USG TO UNDERSTND GOB'S PRESENT INDECISIVENESS. I SAID I WOULD
TRY TO EXPLAIN THIS TO WASHINGTON EVEN THOUGH I COULD NOT AGREE
WITH IT.

7. I HAVE DISCUSSED MEETING AND THIS MESSAGE WITH CMEF. REQUEST
DEPARTMENT PASS THIS MESSAGE TO SECDEF, CNO, CINCUSNAVEUR AND

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